

**Application No.:** 10/519,338  
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## **SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW**

### Attendees, Date and Type of Interview

The interview was conducted on January 15, 2008 and attended by Megan Leigh Yarnall, Bruce Edward Snow, Josué A. Villalta, and Alejandro D. Muñoz.

### Exhibits and/or Demonstrations

None.

### Identification of Claims Discussed

Independent Claims 1, 8.

### Identification of Prior Art Discussed

Pilliar (U.S. Pat. No. 3,855,638) and Shimamune et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,034,186)

### Proposed Amendments

Applicant proposed amendments to Claim 1 relating generally to a roughening in the sub-micrometer range. Additionally, Applicant proposed amendments to Claim 8 relating generally to an open-pored structure.

### Principal Arguments and Other Matters

Applicant noted that neither Pilliar nor Shimamune disclose surfaces with both a macro-structure and a micro-structure that allow for bone cells, on a microscopic scale, to gain any hold on the smooth implant surface. Applicant proposed amending Claims 1 and 8 to further distinguish the cited art to recite such a two-level surface structure.

### Results of Interview

The Examiner noted Applicant's arguments in reference to Claims 1 and 8 and agreed that Pilliar and Shimamune did not disclose a surface with both a macro-structure and a micro-structure. Applicant agreed to submit a response to the Office Action, as outlined above, and the Examiner agreed to consider the response but noted a further search might be required.